

Canyon Goers: Leave Earlier Come Monday

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Explosives are in place to blast a 5,000-ton fractured precipice Monday morning from its perch overlooking U.S. 189 at the mouth of Provo Canyon.

People who usually take that route to work had better plan to leave early. Traffic will be temporarily stopped.

About 3,000 pounds of explosives, stick powder and ammonium nitrate will rip through the rock, tearing it from its perch and dropping it about 250 feet.

The blast will close the Provo Canyon road to Heber City, starting at 8 a.m., for an anticipated four hours.

Larry Buss, Utah Department of Transportation project engineer, said 20 holes about 20 to 60 feet deep have been filled with powder. He said each hole was alternately filled with eight feet of explosives and six feet of buffer (dirt) connected by a fuse.

Three blasts, micro-seconds apart, will turn the rock toward the north.

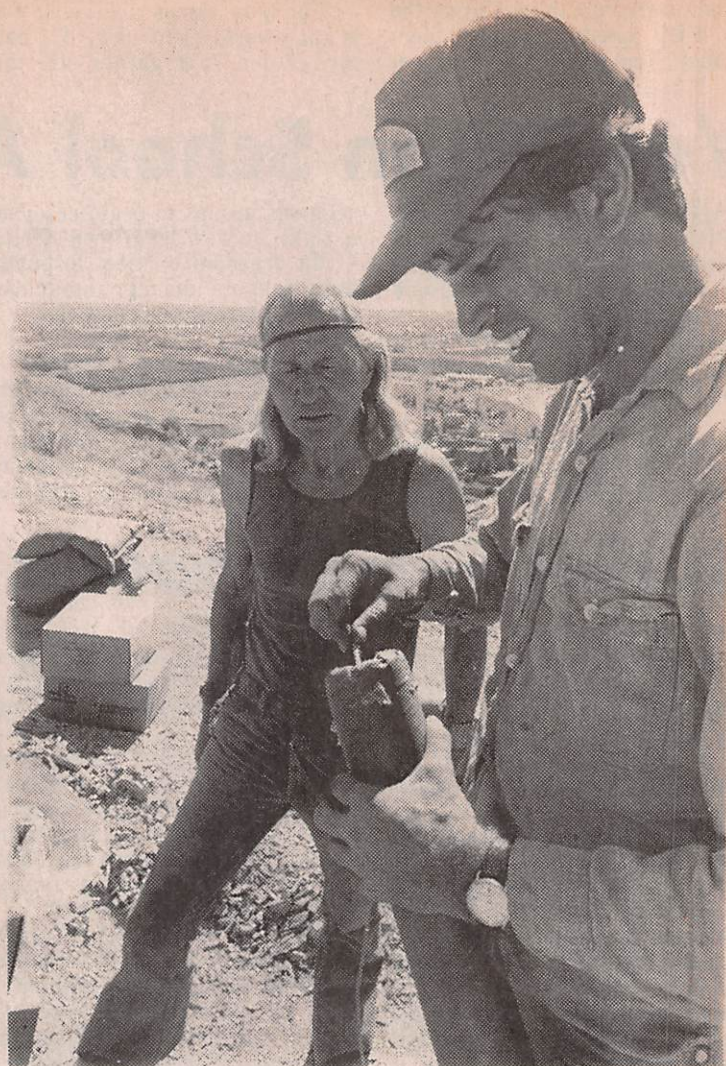
"If we just brought it straight down," Buss said, "more rock would go onto the road and into the river than if we can turn it."

The fracture rock has been perched above U.S. 189 for at least 30 years, Buss indicated. "We just don't want to have it come down when there is a vehicle beneath it."

He said that in spots the fracture runs through the entire width of the ledge.

UDOT officials decided that since they are currently working at the site, now would be a good time to clear the fracture. UDOT is widening U.S. 189 at the mouth of the canyon.

There are to be two lanes of traffic each way for about three-quarters of one mile and, beneath the rock, one lane each way plus ramps for traffic swinging north from Orem's 800 North and swinging west onto 800 North.



Bill Ayers watches Larry West

"The new road will be closer underneath it (the cliff) and that worried us," Buss said. Lays Rock Products is gen-

eral contractor for the project and Sanders Construction Co. is the subcontractor handling the blast.



Bill "Choctah" Ayers, Larry West, Lynnie Ayers and Chris Asay load a charge hole.

Dennis Patterson Photos

Reno, and because Ron met a woman he was "fond" of, the murder suspects returned to the city, Lafferty said.

They were in Circus Circus the day FBI agents arrested them because Ron was hoping to meet

group," he told Gardner.

Ron admitted he believed in plural marriage, but denied he practiced it.

"The way things are going out in that world right now, if I had my choice, I'd gather all the

sheriff's department...to destroy his (Dan's) reputation because he was a threat to them," Ron said.

"He was then called in by the church, who runs government and runs that state, and he was excommunicated from the church.

Central Utah Summary

City	Yesterday Precip.	Temps Hi-Low
Alpine	.00	95-60
Fairfield	.NA	NA-NA
Heber	.00	86-50
Orem	.TR	96-64
Pl. Grove	.00	91-65
Provo	.TR	98-63
Sp. Fork	.00	93-62
Timp Cave	.TR	95-59

Provo Yesterday
Humidity Range: 68-40%
Peak Wind: 28 mph

Evaporation: .30

Provo Precipitation

Month	'82-'83 (Inches)	'83-'84
October	2.82	1.39
November	1.80	4.20
December	2.31	6.00
January	2.22	1.05
February	3.93	1.53
March	3.41	1.98
April	1.95	3.77
May	4.04	0.91
June	0.97	4.01
July	2.11	2.80
August	4.38	0.77
September	2.37	

Water Year 32.31 28.41

Weather information courtesy of David James, Provo weather observer. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m.

National

By United Press International

High winds and hot weather Saturday hampered firefighters battling fires on 130,000 acres in Idaho and Oregon and heavy rain continued to threaten New Mexico towns with flash flooding.

Thunderstorms and heavy rain drenched the East Coast and South. A tornado touched down in a Biloxi, Miss., subdivision. No injuries were reported.

Lightning sparked fires that burned more than 90,000 acres in southern Idaho and 49,000 acres in south-central Oregon.

Rain continued to fall over southeast New Mexico, and a flash flood watch was posted for that part of the state as well as for west Texas.

New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya declared a state of emergency Saturday in Lincoln County. Authorities rushed 10,000 sandbags to the area around Ruidoso, N.M., where

Yes Given School Access Act

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (UPI) — President Reagan said Saturday he signed a bill authorizing student-initiated religious meetings in public schools — a measure certain to touch off a long court battle over church-state separation.

Reagan said in his weekly radio address that the so-called Equal Access Act "will allow student

religious groups to begin enjoying a right they've long been denied — the freedom to meet in public high schools during non-school hours" for religious purposes.

Opponents of the measure — led by the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee — vow a court fight. And an American Civil Liberties spokesman predicted "another

decade of litigation."

The equal access proposal was attached to a bill providing almost \$1 billion in federal money to train science and math teachers — a bill the administration had expressed some reservations about.

In signing the measure, Reagan went along with the education spending to get the sought-after religious access law.

Sucker Fish Threatens CUP Plans

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — The mammoth water works of the \$1.5 billion Central Utah Project could be altered by what fishermen regard as a "trash fish" — but a fish rare enough to be considered for federal protection as an endangered species.

Overseers on the Central Utah Water Conservancy District board say the project will change the flows of the Spanish Fork and Provo rivers, which both feed into the June sucker's only habitat, Utah Lake.

Because altered flows could speed the demise of the fish, the federal government may force a

change in plans for the giant system of reservoirs and aqueducts being constructed to convey water from eastern Utah to the state's interior.

Reed Harris, chief of biological studies for the Bureau of Reclamation's Upper Colorado Region, said CUP officials might be forced to abandon plans for a dike across Provo Bay, a major spawning ground for the fish.

The June sucker, which grows to an average length of 20 inches, has been found in lessening numbers in recent years. With the rate of decline, biologists say the fish could be extinct within sev-

eral years.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed placing the fish on the federal government's endangered species list. Officials also recommend protecting sections of the Provo and Spanish Fork rivers as critical habitat for the fish.

Brazil's Congress Elects Paulo Maluf

BRASILIA, Brazil (UPI) — Congressman Paulo Salim Maluf was elected Saturday the pro-government Democratic-Social Party's candidate to run in elections for Brazil's first civilian president in 20 years.

The multimillionaire congressman was assured of the nomination when he received an absolute majority of the votes cast at the party convention.

Car Hits Couple, One Dead

CEDAR CITY, Utah (UPI) — Rumell Ence, 82, of Cedar City, died in an auto-pedestrian accident at about 9:19 p.m. Friday, said Steve Warby, Cedar City policeman.

His wife, Grace Ence, 75, was

reported in critical condition at the Valley View Medical Center, Cedar City. The Ences were in an intersection when struck by a car driven by Harold J. Bartold, 24, Las Vegas, Nev. No charges had been filed.

Cartoonist Dies In Accident

LAKE CASTAIC, Calif. (UPI) — Syndicated cartoonist Virgil Partch, 67, best known for his "Big George" comic strip, was killed with his wife in an auto accident Friday.

Helen Partch, driving north on

the Golden State Freeway near Lake Castaic about 60 miles north of Los Angeles, rammed the rear of a utility trailer being pulled by a pickup truck, California Highway Patrol Officer Richard Perez said.

Daycare Scandal Heightens

NEW YORK (UPI) — Four day-care center employees charged with sexually abusing children apparently traded the youngsters among themselves, a source said Saturday as the city's widening sex abuse scandal touched a seventh facility.

The Bronx district attorney's office Saturday sought another day-care center employee, Alberto Ramos, a college student, or questioning in the sexual assault of a 4-year-old girl in the seventh facility to emerge in the scandal.

Police also sought court permission to run medical checks on another four day-care center workers already under arrest in the Bronx. A 5-year-old girl sexually abused at the facility where they worked recently contracted gonorrhea of the throat.

The Puerto Rican Association for Community Affairs — funded by the Human Resources Admin-

istration, the city's welfare department — has been the heart of a growing sex scandal at city day-care centers. Four of its 21 employees are under arrest and at least 30 of its children report having been sexually abused.

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